AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in Parliament.

For

The Calling of an Assembly Of Learned, and Godly Divines to be consulted with by the *PARLIAMENT*,

For the Setling

Of the Governement and Liturgy, of the CHURCH of ENGLAND,

And for Vindicating and Clearing the Doctrine of the said Church, from false Aspersions and Interpretations; as shall be most agreeable to the Word of God.

With the Names of all the Ministers appointed for the same.

Die Lunæ, 12 Jun. 1643.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

LONDON, Printed for *I. Wright* in the Old-baily, *June* 13. 1643.

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For

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OF

Learned, and Godly Divines to be

Consulted with by the PARLIAMENT,

Touching Such

Alterations of the Government and Liturgy,

of the CHURCH of ENGLAND,

as shall be

And for Vindicating and Clearing

the Doctrine of the said Church, from all

Aspersions and Interpretations as shall be

Needful or Expedient for the Peace,

Both the Nations of all the Means appointed for the same.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the calling of an Assembly of learned and godly Divines, and others, to be consulted with, by the Parliament, for the setling of the Government and Liturgy of the Church of *England*, and for vindicating and clearing of the Doctrine of the said Church from false aspersions, and interpretations.

Whereas amongst the infinite blessings of Almighty God upon this Nation, none is, or can be more deare unto us, then the purity of our Religion, and for that as yet many things remaine in the Liturgy, Discipline and Government of the Church, which doe necessarily require a further and more perfect Reformation, then as yet hath been attained: And whereas it hath been declared and resolved by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the present Church-government by Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, Commissaries Deanes, Deanes and Chapters, Archdeacons, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers depending upon the Hierarchy, is evill and justly offensive and burthensome to the Kingdome, a great impediment to reformation and growth of Religion, and very prejudiciall to the state and government of this Kingdome, and that therefore they are resolved that the same shall be taken away, and that such a government shall be setled in the Church, as may be most agreeable to Gods holy Word, and most apt to procure and preserve the peace of the Church at home, and nearer agreement with the Church of Scotland, and other reformed Churches abroad, and for the better effecting hereof,

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and for the vindicating, and clearing of the doctrine of the Church of England from all false calumnies and aspersions, It is thought fit and necessary to call an Assembly of learned, godly, and judicious Divines, to consult and advise of such matters and things, touching the premisses, as shal be proposed unto them by both or either of the Houses of Parliament, and to give their advice & counsell therein, to both or either of the said Houses, when, and as often as they shall be thereunto required. Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That all and every the persons hereafter in this present Ordinance named, that is to say, Algernon Earle of Northumberland, William Earle of Bedford, Phillip Earle of Pembroke and Montgomery, William Earle of Salisbury, Henry Earle of Holland, Edward Earl of Manchester, William Lord Viscount Say and Seale, Edward Lord Viscount Conway, Phillip Lord Wharton, Edward Lord Howard of Eskr. John Selden Esqu. Francis Rows Esqu. Edmund Prideaux Esqu. Sir Henry Vane Knight *senior*, Iohn Glyn Esqu. Recorder of London, Iohn White Esqu. Bouldstrode Whitlocke Esqu. Humphrey Salloway Esqu. Mr. Serjeant Wild, Oliver Saint Iohn Esqu His Majesties Solliciter, Sir Benjamin Rudyard Knight, Iohn Pym Esqu. Sir Iohn Clotworthy Knight, Iohn Maynard Esqu. Sir Henry Vane Knight *junior*, William Pierpoint Esqu. William Wheeler Esqu: Sir Thomas Barrington Knight, Mr. Young Esqu Sir Iohn Evelin Knight. Herbert Palmer of Ashwell Batchellor in Divinity, Oliver Boles of Sutton Batchellor in Divinity, Henry Wilkinson of Maddesden Batchellor in Divinity, Thomas Valentine of Chalfont Giles Batchellor in Divinity, Dr. William Twist of Newbury, William Reynor of Egham, Mr. Hanniball Gammon of Maugan, Mr. Iasper Hicks of Lawricke, Dr. Hoyle late of Dublin in Ireland, William Bridges of Yarmouth, Thomas Wincop of Ellesworth Doctor in Divinity, Thomas Goodwin of London Batchellor in Divinity, Iohn Ley of Budworth in Cheshire, Thomas Case of London, Iohn Pyne of Bereferrers, Mr. Whidden of Wroxton, Dr. Richard Love of Ekington, Dr. William Gouge of Blackfriers London, Dr. Ralph Brownerigg Bishop of Exceter, Dr. Samuel Ward Master of Sidney

ney Colledge, Iohn White of Dorchester, Edward Peale of Compton, Stephen Marshall of Finchingfield Batchellor in Divinity, Obediah Sedgewicke of Cogshall Batchellor in Divinity, M. Carter, Peter Clerke of Carnaby, William New of Ellington Batchellor in Divinity, Richard Capell of Pitchcombe, Theophilus Bathurst of Overton watervile, Phillip Nye of Kimbolton, D. Brocket Smith of Barkway, D. Cornelius Burges of Watford, Iohn Greene of Pencombe, Stanley Gower of Brampton Bryan, Francis Taylor of Spalding, Thomas Wilson of Orham, Anthony Tuckney of Boston, Thomas Coleman of Bliton, Charles Herle of Winwicke, Richard Herricke of Manchester, Richard Cleyton of Showell, George Gibbs of Ayleston, D. Calibute Downing of Hackney, Ieremy Boroughes of Stepney, Edmund Calamy Batchellor in Divinity, George Walker Batchellor in Divinity, Ioseph Carroll of Lincolns Inne, Lazarus Seaman of London, D. Iohn Harris Warden of Winchester Colledge, George Morley of Hildenhall, Edward Reynolds of Branston, Thomas Hill of Titsmarch Batchellor in Divinity, D. Robert Saunderson of Boothby Pannell, Iohn Foxcroft of Gotham, Iohn Iackson of Watsoe, William Carter of London, Thomas Thoroughgood of Mattingham, Iohn Arrowsmith of Lynne, Robert Harris of Hanwell Batchellor in Divinity, Robert Crosse of Lincolne Colledge Batchellor in Divinity, Iames Archbishop of Armagh, D. Matthias Styles of Saint George Eltheape London, Samuel Gibson of Burley, Ieremiah Whittacre of Stretton, D. Edmund Stanton of Kingston, D. Daniel Featley of Lambeth, Francis Coke of Norhall, Iohn Lightfoote of Alheley, Edward Corbet of Merton Colledge Oxon, Samuel Heldersham of Felton, Iohn Langley of Westenderley, Christopher Tisdale of Upbusborne, Thomas Young of Stowmarket, Iohn Phillips of Wrentham, Humphrey Chambers of Claverton Batchellor in Divinity, Iohn Conant of Lymington Batchellor in Divinity, Henry Hall of Norwich Batchellor in Divinity, Henry Hutton, Henry Scuddir of Colingborne, Thomas Baylie of Hamningford Bruce, Benjamine Pickering of Eastbourley, Henry Nye of Clapham, Arthur Salloway of Seavernestoake, Sydrake Sympson of London, Anthony Burgesse of Sutton Coldfield, Richard Vines of

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Calcot, William Greenhill of Stepney, William Moreton of Newcastle, Richard Buckley, D. Thomas Temple of Battersey, Iosias Shute in Lombardstreet Batchellor in Divinity, M. Nicholson, Thomas Gattaker of Rotherhithe Batchellor in Divinity, Iames Weldy of Sylatten, D. Christopher Pashley of Hawarden, Henry Tozer Batchellor in Divinity, William Spurstow of Hampden in Bucks. Francis Channell of Oxon, Edward Ellis of Gilsfield Batchellor in Divinity, Dr. Iohn Hacket of S. Andrews Holborne, Samuel de la Place, Iohn de la March, Matthew Newcomen of Dedham, William Lyford of Sherborne in Com. Dorset, M. Carter of Dynton in Com. Bucks. William Lance of Harrow in Middlesex, Thomas Hodges of Kensington in Com. Middlesex, Andreas Perne of Wilby in Com. Northampton, D. Thomas VVestfield of S. Bartholomew le great London Bishop of Bristoll, D. Henry Hammon of Penshurst in Kent, Nicholas Prophet of Marlborough in Com. Wilts, Peter Sterry of London, Iohn Erle of Bishopston in Com. Wilts, M. Gibbon of Waltham, Henry Painter of Exceter Batchellor in Divinity, M. Michelthwaite of Cherryburton, Dr. Wincop of S. Martins in the fields, M. Price of Pauls Church in Covent-garden, Henry Wilkinson Batchellor in Divinity, D. Richard Oldsworth Master of Emanuell Colledge in Cambridge, M. William Dining of Coldaston, and such other person and persons, as shall be nominated and appointed by both Houses of Parliament, or so many of them as shall not be letted by sickness or other necessary impediment, shal meet and assemble, and are hereby required and enjoyned upon summons signed by the Clerkes of both Houses of Parliament, left at their severall respective dwellings, to meet and assemble themselves at Westminster in the Chappell called K. Henry the sevenths Chappell, on the first day of July in the yeare of our Lord, one thousand six hundred forty three; and after the first meeting, being at least of the number of forty, shall from time to time sit and be removed from place to place, and also that the said Assembly shall be dissolved in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be directed; And the said persons, or so many of them as shall be so assembled, or sit, shall have power and authority, and are hereby likewise enjoyned, from time to

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time during this present Parliament, or untill further Order be taken, by both the said Houses, to confer & treat amongst themselves, of such matters and things, touching and concerning the Liturgy, discipline & government of the Church of England, or the vindicating & clearing of the doctrine of the same from all false aspersions and misconstructions, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, and no other, & to deliver their Opinions and Advises of, or touching the matters aforesaid, as shall be most agreeable to the Word of God, to both or either of the said Houses, from time to time, in such manner and form, as by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, shall be required, & the same not to divulge by printing, writing or otherwise without the consent of both or either House of Parliament. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that William Twist doctor in divinity shall sit in the Chaire as Prolocutor of the said Assembly, and if he happen to die or be letted by sickneſſe or other necessary impediment, then such other person to be appointed in his place, as shall be agreed on by both the said Houses of Parliament; And in case, any difference of Opinion shall happen amongst the said persons so assembled, touching any the matters, that shall be proposed to them as aforesaid, that then they shall represent the same, together with the reasons thereof to both or either the said Houses respectively, to the end such further direction may be given therein, as shall be requisite in that behalfe. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That for the Charges and Expences of the said Divines, and every of them, in attending the said service, there shall be allowed unto every of them that shall so attend, during the time of their said attendance, and for ten daies before and ten daies after the summe of foure shillings for every day, at the charges of the Common-wealth, at such time and in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be appointed. And be it further Ordained, That all and every the said Divines, so as aforesaid required and enjoyned to meet and assemble, shall be freed & acquitted of and from every offence, forfeiture, penalty, losse or damage which shal or may arise or grow by reason of any non-residence or absence

sence of them or any of them, from his or their, or any of their Church, Churches, or Cures, for, or in respect of their said attendance upon the said Service, any Law or Statute of Non-residence, or other Law or Statute enjoyning their attendance upon their respective Ministeries or Charges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; And if any of the persons before-named shall happen to die before the said Assembly shall be dissolved by Order of both Houses of Parliament, then such other person or persons shal be nominated and placed in the roome and stead of such person and persons so dying, as by both the said Houses shall be thought fit and agréed upon: And every such person or persons so to be named shall have the like Power and Authority, Frædome, and acquittall to all intents and purposes, and also all such wages and allowances for the said service, during the time of his or their attendance, as to any other of the said persons in this Ordinance is by this Ordinance limited and appointed. Provided alwaies that this Ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not give unto the persons aforesaid, or any of them, nor shall they in this Assembly assume to exercise any Jurisdiction, Power, or Authority Ecclesiasticall whatsoever, or any other Power, then is herein particularly expressed.

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